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In re application of

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METHOD FOR DETECTING DAMAGED DNA USING PROTEIN COMPLEXES AND  
ELEMENTS FOR IMPLEMENTING SAID METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to the first Official Action and calculation  
of the filing fee, please amend the above-identified  
application as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please substitute the attached Abstract for the one  
originally filed.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 7-8 and 12-14.

Please add new claims 16-20 as follows:

--16. (New) Qualitative and quantitative damage  
detection process according to claim 1, characterized in that

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